

EMPIRE RFU GU
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 19, 2018

The Executive Board met via conference call on Monday, February 19, 2018, at 9:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Board Members: Ken Pape (President), Michael Crafton (VP Operations), Pat Moroney (VP Communications), Jennifer Salomon (VP Finance), Brad Kleiner (ED Referees)

Non-Voting Members: J.C. Whipple (Administrator)

Clubs: None

Absent: Lex Maccubbin (ED Men), Jennifer Jones (ED Women), Rosalie MacGowan (ED Sevens)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 p.m. A quorum was in place.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ken Pape said he and Michael Crafton attended USA Rugby Congress. Ken said Michael did a great job presenting on the Financials. It was one of the more productive Congress meetings and the next meeting will be in June or September. It was learned the meeting minutes will be published shortly and there are developments in regards to membership.

As an organization, the EGU has introduced a new Board position, VP of Governance. EGU is close to finalizing a partnership with the Staten Island Yankees - at a selected game this summer, each EGU champion club will be introduced on-field and EGU will also have an information table at the evening's game. Post SI Yankees game, there will be a men's and women's scrimmage match contested on the field.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jenn Salomon said the financials were adjusted as related to the Men's and Women's HP programs. The Women will have three (3) camps. Allocations will be used for field space, equipment, transportation, etc. A Women's All-Star team will be participating at Saranac.

Capital GU (WDC) is interested in playing a friendly against the Men's and Women's All-Stars. The respective directors are working through this and it will not affect the budget.

Jenn is also working on the referee funding for the Challenge Cup.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Pat Moroney said there is one (1) nomination for the VP Governance. There were some additional, but all withdrew.

Ken Pape made a motion for Gary Heavner to be placed in the position until the next AGM. Pat Moroney seconded. The motion passed, 5-0.

Ken asked Pat to remind Pat was in attendance at the NDS, not as a rep of EGU but on his own behalf. The numbers were similar as previous years, the quality was higher than previous years.

MEN'S REPORT

Lex Maccubbin was not present but submitted an item for discussion. Montauk Men's RFC and its multiple forfeits during the 2017 season. A discussion took place on the forfeit policy and history of dealing with clubs in this scenario. Lex Maccubbin is recommending a \$500 bond; Ken is not comfortable with that. He would look for additional penalties should Montauk not uphold its commitments. This will be reviewed moving forward.

WOMEN'S REPORT

Jen Jones said there is nothing to report on Women.

SEVENS REPORT

Rosalie MacGowan was not present.

REFEREES REPORT

Brad Kleiner said he has stepped down as the RRSNY President. David Martin is the new President. Brad has been asked to stay on as the liaison to EGU by both RRSNY and NYSRRS.

One referee course is scheduled at Iona on March 10.

Andrea Villanova will be a club liaison to EGU clubs on behalf of RRSNY. This will be regarding general issues and how better to work together.

On behalf of EGU, Ken Pape thanked Brad for all his hard work over the years and for moving rugby forward. He also welcomed David Martin and said the Board is looking forward to working with him.

NCR3 REPORT

There has not been an NCR3 meeting since the last EGU Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Medical Guidelines Review

This will be tabled until the next Board meeting

Tri-County/Lockport/Genesee

A discussion took place regarding the matter at hand with the club(s) - there is a dispute between Lockport and Genesee and current formation of the joined club. Ken Pape has reached out to both sides. He, Mike Crafton, Lex Maccubbin and others will be meeting to discuss and work toward a solution.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
J.C. Whipple
EGU Administrator